

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:  
a plurality of open shelves containing bins for carrying items, said items having indicia associated therewith;  
a handheld device programmed to:  
read the indicia associated with an item for which a restock is desired;  
receive quantity information associated with the read indicia; and  
transfer the information associated with the read indicia and the quantity information to enable a restocking package to be prepared; and  
a computing device configured to receive the transferred information and compare the received quantity information to a par level for the item, so that the restocking package can be prepared when the quantity information is less than the par level.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 additionally comprising a cradle for receiving said handheld device, and wherein said transferring step includes the step of downloading to a central database when the handheld device is stored in said cradle.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said indicia associated with an item includes one of indicia associated with a bin, indicia on a package containing the item, and indicia on the item.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said indicia includes a barcode.